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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Marissa L. Ferguson
OSAMU KANOME ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2854
Application No.: 10/670,566)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 2327
Filed: September 26, 2003)	Allowed: May 9, 2005
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For: ABSORPTION BELT, IMAGE FORMING)		May 24, 2005
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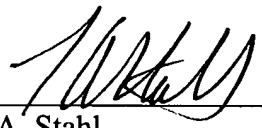
Sir:

Applicants having received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due form (PTOL-85), dated May 9, 2005, respectfully request acknowledgment of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 14, 2003. It is further requested that confirmation of consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of October 14, 2003 be provided by the return of an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449, which accompanied

the Information Disclosure Statement. For the Examiner's convenience, attached is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and of the PTO-1449 as filed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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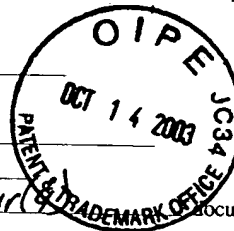
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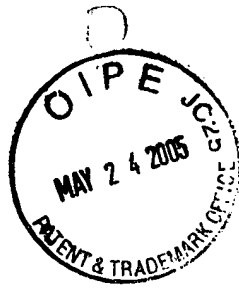
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese references are also enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found at pages 2-4 of the specification.

FORM PTO 1449 (modified)		ATTY DOCKET NO. 01272.020632		APPLICATION NO. 10/670,566			
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary)		APPLICANT OSAMU KANOME, ET AL.					
Submitted to the PTO: October 14, 2003		FILING DATE September 26, 2003		GROUP Unassigned			
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,944,930	08/31/1999	Takeuchi, et al.	156	218	
		6,312,543	11/06/2001	Takeuchi, et al.	156	218	
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		57-58872	12/11/1982	Japan			No
		8-187773	07/23/1996	Japan			Abstract
		11-151842	06/08/1999	Japan			Abstract
		2000-95376	04/04/2000	Japan			Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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